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# Bill Tyrrell Bobbleheads Help Raise Support for Student-athletes at the U of M Crookston

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It was his wife's idea, and Mary Tyrrell would have loved to see her husband, Bill Tyrrell, director of athletic fundraising at the University of Minnesota Crookston immortalized as a bobblehead. Mary originally proposed the plan to sell bobbleheads in the likeness of her husband in an effort to support student-athletes at the Crookston campus last fall. She would never see the idea come to fruition however.

Following her untimely death in December 2010, Bill never considered the bobbleheads any further until Athletic Director Stephanie Helgeson and Director of Development Corby Kemmer encouraged Bill to reconsider Mary's plan. Designed to raise money for athletic scholarships, the bobbleheads honor Mary Tyrrell's memory and are a reminder of how much the Tyrrell's love Golden Eagle athletics.

"It has been fun for us to see the bobblehead of Bill take shape over the last few months," Kemmer says. "Supporting athletics along with her husband's work was a passion of Mary Tyrrell's, and I think she would be pleased with the outcome. It will help student-athletes and the project also pays tribute to Mary and Bill's relationship, which was truly special." For more information on the bobbleheads.

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